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Missouri made a poor trade when she exchanged Statesman Cockrell for Boodler Niedringhaus.

Secretary Taft evidently intends to secure the title of champion junketer. He is now figuring on an official tour of inspection in the Philippines.

The Missouri legislature is fully living up to its reputation as a hotbed of political corruption. Pennsylvania will have to look well to her laurels.

Poverty is on the increase in New York. It returns, made to the tax assessor as to be believed. The records show that only eight people in the city possess property valued at \$500,000 or more.

In Port Arthur the Japanese have possession of the key to Eastern Asia, and they're going to retain possession.—Atlanta Constitution.

But will they use the key to open the door of Eastern Asia to the commerce of the world?

The German physician who thinks he has found a cure for laziness ought to be able to find a great many patients.—Age-Herald.

With the Swayne case warming up the atmosphere in the house and the statehood wrangle on in the senate, he would starve to death among the statesmen at Washington, at any rate.

The Mobile item says: The republican administration has given it out that practically no money will be expended on the improvement of Southern rivers and harbors, but a big navy is still agitated in that quarter. If this plan is carried out, it will not be difficult for the people to understand why the democratic party should get into the saddle before the big navy is launched.

THE MOST DESIRABLE THING TO BE HOPED FOR.

The Christian Herald recently asked a number of prominent men the question: "What in your opinion is the most desirable thing to be hoped for by the American people during the four years of President Roosevelt's administration?" Among the replies received the following, given in substance only, are the most notable:

W. J. Bryan—A government of "equal rights to all and special privileges to none."

Speaker Cannon—We should advance as rapidly as possible the great constructive work of the Panama canal.

Senator Frye—Peace. Postmaster General Wynn—Aggressive integrity in the public service. Ex-Senator Long—The simple life. Railroad President M. E. Ingalls—Peace and prosperity.

W. E. Chandler—Laws prohibiting national banks and other corporations from contributing from their corporate treasuries money in aid of political parties.

John W. Foster—Peace with the rest of the world.

College President Charles F. Thwing—A better understanding and a more sympathetic appreciation of labor by capital and of capital by labor.

The Rev. C. M. Shelton—Some action putting an end to the lawlessness of capital.

Senator H. G. Davis—Closer relations with people of the other countries on this continent.

Edward Everett Hale—The restoration of universal peace. The first duty in this direction seems to me to be the establishment of a Pan-American railroad from Hudson Bay to Patagonia.

Congressman W. P. Hepburn—Completion of the Panama canal.

Senator Culom—The arbitration of differences among the nations.

Labor Commissioner Wright—Increased respect for law.

Senator Foraker—Restoration of the American merchant marine.

President John A. McCall, New York Life—National supervision of all insurance companies and casualty corporations.

Governor Herrick, of Ohio—The re-establishment of the American merchant marine.

President Richard A. McCurdy, Mutual Life—A universal tribunal of arbitration.

THE MOVEMENT FOR GOOD ROADS.

Not only Florida but the entire country is interested in the question of good roads and, in view of the coming Good Roads Convention at Jacksonville, the following clipping and comment, from the columns of the Miami

Metropolis, will prove of more than ordinary interest:

"The McClenny Standard, touching upon good roads, says: 'The good roads movement which is being pushed by Colonel A. S. Mann and the state press is one that deserves the encouragement and support of every taxpayer. There is no man who pays taxes that will not be benefited by good roads. Everyone should push forth every effort to push this movement through. We need good roads as badly as any other country in the state, and should do all in our power to get them.'"

The question of good roads is one in which the entire country is interested. It is a movement come to stay, and ere many years the North, South, East and West will be linked together in one great network of roads and thoroughfares by which travel will be facilitated and made easy.

Dade county, though young in development, and we might say, years, is one of the best provided counties in the state with good roads and we have not quit building yet.

With the native stone at hand and all needed to make a road being the grading, crushing and placing of the stone, there is no reason why Dade county should not continue to be the best paved county in the public road line in Florida. These roads are built entirely by convicts, and the more prisoners the county affords the more public roadway does it get in return.

In this manner the convicts pay amply for their food and care, and at the present rate of construction but a few years will be required to connect the north and the south lines of Dade county with one continuous hard rock road, and all necessary tributaries thereto.

Vox Populi.

PUBLIC INDIFFERENCE TO VICE AND CRIME.

Editor Pensacola Journal: Now, when the fleet is to be here, on every side, every device of evil to snare the sailors has spread its net. There seems no opposing good influence, for these poor misguided men and boys.

I have seen so many young soldiers and sailors entering the haunts of vice, and I often think there ought to be a good club for these sailors, as well as the ones always on hand. A place where decent entertainment can be had and where they are made welcome.

The clergymen of the city, aided by the good people of influence, can do much to counteract the evil. There seems no interest whatever taken in this crying shame of the city. "The fleet is coming," and new gambling houses fix their temptations, immense quantities of liquor are ordered, and the gamblers and saloon keepers laugh and rub their hands with heartless glee, thinking of how they will gather in the sailors' hard earned money.

Pensacola is considered a wicked city, wherever known, and her citizens take no steps to eradicate this shame. I have been filled with horror at the cool assumption of the wave of vice which is expected to whelm the city when the fleet comes.

It is time the public officials, and all good people, dropped their indifference, and worked to down this flux of evil, and not only spasmodically, but always.

WORK OF THE PRESENT SESSION OF CONGRESS.

(Courier-Journal.)

However dilatory Congress may be in passing important bills affecting the interests of the whole country, such as revision of the tariff system and better control of the trusts, it shows no lack of diligence when it comes to passing pension acts. On Saturday the House passed nearly five hundred of these bills, at the rate of more than four a minute. They were private acts, and for causes not covered by the general pension laws, liberal as they are, being in most cases gratuities log-rolled systematically by members largely as perquisites for favored constituents and to influence the soldier vote in future campaigns. Each week since the session began similar billage has been shown on private bill day, and the number of pension acts passed foots up several thousands, with the prospect of the same activity during the remainder of the term. The same diligence in regard to the more important legislation would soon clear the calendar of pending business and do away with any excuse for an extra session. Yet, with less than forty days, exclusive of Sundays, remaining until the 4th of March, beyond the passage of a few minor general appropriation bills, no

Why We Are Poor Letter Writers

By Mrs. FRANK LESLIE

IN the good old days before Rowland Hill invented postage stamps, and even subsequently, when those necessities of life used to cost anywhere from threepence to a shilling or two, people felt bound to write their money's worth, or perhaps their correspondent's money's worth, while they were at it. Cheap postal facilities have accomplished the ruin of those scriptory morals which THE HURRY AND FRET OF MODERN LIFE had already undermined. Separation, the grand motive of correspondence, no longer means what it did in the Shakespearean time, when Romeo's removal to a place twenty-five miles, the actual distance between Verona and Mantua, away from Juliet's abode, was regarded by both these ingenious young lovers as a "banishment" worse than death. Since then steam and electricity, not to speak of the postmaster general, HAVE ABOLISHED THE OCEAN ITSELF as an obstacle of distance and brought the four quarters of the globe together. We telephone or "wire" one another or "throw off a line" at odd moments, not even our own odd moments, perhaps, but rather those of the stenographer or private secretary.

But, you exclaim, are we to assume that human nature, which underlies all letters, has changed? Don't people have as bright ideas today as they did a century ago, and as much literary skill? OF COURSE THEY DO. Indeed, in the latter respect the average standard is distinctly higher. The difference is simply that this efflorescence of bright ideas in the present age takes its legitimate form of PUBLISHED literature. The innumerable magazines and lighter periodicals which play so conspicuous a part in modern life are the expression of what formerly found its restricted outlet in private correspondence. Pens from which flow bright and chatty letters are in demand for well paid "copy."

America and the Zionist Movement

By ISRAEL ZANGWILL

JEWISH charity in America is the most generous AND BEST ORGANIZED in the world. But how can the United Hebrew Charities of New York cope with an immigration of 80,442 Hebrews in a year, 64,662 of whom REMAIN IN NEW YORK CITY?

The American stands morally AT THE HEAD of the Zionist movement. Our suffering brethren are beginning to turn to America, not merely as of old, for a place of refuge, but as a center of political force for the solution of the Hebrew question.

his guidance Florida will go on in the march of progress as she has never done before, remarkable as are the strides she has made in the last decade. DeFuniak Breeze.

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